

date of this published notice, NIH receives written evidence and argument that establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

The patent describes the use of C-terminally truncated flavivirus envelope proteins in vaccines against flavivirus infections. The invention also relates to recombinant viruses which encode the truncated protein and to host cells infected therewith.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for a copy of this issued patent, inquiries, comments, and other materials relating to the contemplated license should be directed to: Gloria H. Richmond, Patent Advisor, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, MD 20852-3804; Telephone: (301) 496-7057 ext 268; Facsimile: (301) 402-0220; E-mail: Gloria.Richmond@NIH.GOV. Applications for a non-exclusive or exclusive license filed in a response to this notice will be treated as objections to the grant of the contemplated license. Only written comments and/or applications for a license which are received by NIH on or before April 8, 1997 will be considered. Comments and objections submitted in response to this notice will not be made available for public inspection, and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be released under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

Dated: January 28, 1997.

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*Deputy Director, Office of Technology Transfer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the Information Collection Request for Documented Petitions for Federal Acknowledgment as an Indian Tribe requires renewal. Before submitting a request for reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Department of the Interior is soliciting comments on this information collection, as required

by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before April 8, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Holly Reckord, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-4603, Washington, D.C. 20240.

All written comments will be available for public inspection in Room 4603 of the Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instructions should be directed to Holly Reckord, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-4603, Washington, D.C. 20240, and 202/208-3592.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### 1. Abstract

The information collection is needed to establish whether a petitioning group has the characteristics necessary to be acknowledged as having a government-to-government relationship with the United States.

##### 2. Method of Collection

The acknowledgment regulations at 25 CFR Part 83 contain seven criteria (§ 83.7) which unrecognized groups seeking Federal acknowledgment as Indian tribes must demonstrate that they meet. Information collected from petitioning groups under these regulations provides anthropological, genealogical and historical data used by the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs to establish whether a petitioning group has the characteristics necessary to be acknowledged as having a government-to-government relationship with the United States.

##### 3. Data

**Title:** Collection of Information for Federal Acknowledgment Under 25 CFR Part 83.

**OMB Number:** 1076-0104.

**Expiration Date:** January 31, 1997.

**Type of Review:** Reinstatement of approved collection.

**Affected Entities:** Groups petitioning for Federal acknowledgment as Indian tribes.

**Estimated Number of Petitioners:** 10.

**Estimated Time per Petition:** 2,175 hours.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 21,750.

**Estimated Annual Costs:** \$870,000 (2,175 hours × \$40.00 per hour).

#### 4. Request for Comments

The Department of the Interior invites comment on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget control number.

Dated: January 16, 1997.

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*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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